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SUBJECT: CIVAIR CONCORDE

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1. ACCORDING TO DTI SOURCE, CONCORDE MANUFACTURERS EXTREMELY WORRIED BY AIRCRAFT ENGINE EMISSION STANDARDS RECENTLY PROPOSED BY EPA. SOURCE DID NOT KNOW TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF PROBLEM BUT HE SAID BRITISH EXPERTS ARE AGREED THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR CONCORDE'S OLYMPUS ENGINES TO MEET CERTAIN EMISSION STANDARDS AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED. UNLESS STANDARDS ARE RELAXED FOR SST AIRCRAFT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BURNING CHARACTERISTICS WHICH ARE PECULIAR TO ENGINES DESIGNED FOR SUPERSONIC FLIGHT, CONCORDE WILL IN EFFECT BE BARRED FROM FLIGHTS TO U.S. WITH DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR CONCORDE PROJECT. BECAUSE EMISSION PROBLEM IS CONSIDERED AS SERIOUS FOR CONCORDE AS THAT POSED BY THREATENED NOISE REGULATIONS, SOURCE BELIEVES IT IS NOT UNLIKELY THAT ANGLO/FRENCH CONCERN MIGHT GIVE RISE TO FURTHER MESSAGES FROM HEATH AND POMPIDOU TO PRESIDENT UNLESS PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED AT A LOWER LEVEL.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND DETAILS HAVE NOW BEEN AGREED BETWEEN

BRITISH/FRENCH ON CONCORDE'S VISIT TO DULLES ON ITS
RETURN TO PARIS FROM DALLAS/FORT WORTH AIRPORT INAUGURA-
TION. WE ARE TOLD CONCORDE WILL ONLY MAKE TECHNICAL
STOP AT DULLES WHERE AIRCRAFT WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR
ABOUT 14 HOURS DURING WHICH TIME SOME ROUTINE MAINTENANCE
WORK WILL BE PERFORMED. NO VIP FLIGHTS DURING DULLES
STOP ARE PRESENTLY PLANNED ALTHOUGH AIRCRAFT MAY CARRY
APPROXIMATELY 30 VIP PASSENGERS ON ITS MAIDEN NORTH
ATLANTIC FLIGHT DULLES/PARIS.

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